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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 820
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jacob Warren Melton,
2002 Valedictorian of Big Sandy High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Warren Melton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Big Sandy High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Mr. Melton has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 3.978 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, during his four years at Big Sandy High School, Jacob Warren Melton has been a valuable and active participant in many programs and clubs, including the Beta Club and Youth Leadership; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Melton has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability as a talented member of the Big Sandy High School Basketball and Baseball Teams and the Dixie League Baseball Team; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary work ethic and commitment to learning have earned him numerous awards and honors, including being named Most Outstanding Freshman and Sophomore Student, Woodmen of the World American History Award, Scholar Athlete, DAR Good Citizen Award, and the Presidential Classroom Award; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious citizen, Jacob Warren Melton has served in his community as a Little League Coach and Umpire, Relay for Life participant, Blood Donor with the American Red Cross, and as a volunteer at his local library; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melton plans to major in Engineering at the University of Tennessee at Martin; his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Big Sandy High School surely bodes well for his future success in college; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, James Melton and Susan Melton, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Warren Melton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Big Sandy High School Valedictorian, Jacob Warren Melton, on his impressive academic achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.